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In Support of 'Override'

Torrance voters will be asked to approve a 50 cent 'override' tax at a special election called by the Board of Education of Torrance Unified School District on Tuesday, Feb. 14.

It is the considered opinion of this newspaper that the proposal to secure additional funds to properly operate our schools is justified and absolutely necessary if a possibly very serious situation is to be avoided.

In this day of rising taxes no one is in favor of voting for more; but, the situation is such that in Torrance inexorable conditions exist that make it necessary for the school board to ask again to override the legal tax limit because of rising costs and increased customers—children—patronizing our schools.

Local industrialists who will be hit hardest by the proposed tax increase agree that the override is necessary and will support the proponents of the emergency measure. Friends of the Torrance school system will, we trust, rally to the support of the schools at the polls. Parents and others, who realize the necessity of maintaining their schools at their present level of efficiency, will be expected to appear at the polls to endorse the measure.

School officials have made available profuse material on the reasons for the override. Bringing the measure to the attention of the voters at this time offers every interested citizen the opportunity to brush up on the problems and aspirations of his well developed school system at a time when they are entering one of the most critical periods in their history.

We believe an informed voter will at once see the need of the override tax and will give it his support at the polls on Valentine Day—Tuesday, Feb. 14.

A Great Responsibility

The viewers with alarm, who had President Eisenhower dead and buried after his heart attack and who kept a running account of his slight speech imperfections following his recovery, must have suffered some indigestion in eating their words as the proud old soldier sat through the inaugural ceremonies hatless in the biting cold.

It should be a reminder to the American public that with the blessing of free speech and a free press we must nurture a degree of immunity to the calamity howlers and overly emotional alarmists of which we have too many.

There is a breed of modern reporter and commentator who is obsessed with the illusion that he is entitled to a license to search for an angle to peddle as wisdom even through his recklessness may harm individuals in high office or even endanger the security of his country. They seem to be committed to a policy that the story comes first and their country second.

Most peoples of the world are enslaved by suppression of a free press. Sometimes Americans can be justified in the feeling that in America there are times when we are told too much in a manner that had us walking around in confusion, full of fears for the future, and weighted with a feeling of guilt engendered by emotional liberals who think we are responsible for the lot of every hottentot in the world.

All segments of this nation's vast and efficient communications field should be able to ply their trade with a minimum of restraint or control. By and large the press, operating with its constitutional authority, has performed great and lasting service to the American public and the free world. But with this constitutional freedom must also go the responsibility of restraint, accuracy, and a sense of dedicated service to all mankind.

A Payday Shocker

An enterprising weekly newspaper publisher in Minnesota is trying to shock his employees into realizing just how much the Federal government is taking from them in taxes. Publisher D. R. Peterson of the Truman Tribune is paying his staff their full salaries each week,—except the last week of the month. At the end of that week, he'll deduct the entire month's withholding tax.

Now let's suppose a Tribune employee makes \$100 a week, and this month of February happened to be composed of four equal weeks. For three consecutive weeks said employee gets \$100 intact. And, being human (and hard up), he spends most of it. Then he gets his fourth-week pay envelope. Inside, he finds \$32.80—if he's married—or \$23.60 if he's single!

We await with keen interest the results of what could be a noble experiment. Our fingers are crossed against the possibility of the staff leaving for parts unknown at the end of the month's first three weeks.

I Can Remember—



Out of the Past

From the Files of the HERALD

That ever so slight limp noted by his many friends had its genesis 20 years ago for Former Chief W. H. 'Pop' Haslam. As Sergeant Haslam, the retired chief was practicing on the pistol range in 1941 when he accidentally shot himself. Medics decided that the bullet lodged itself in a manner that would make removal difficult and would not seriously impair the popular veteran law enforcer's locomotion so, as far as it is generally known, he still carries the souvenir.

Almost to the hour 20 years ago last week, there was a record rainfall in Torrance. The storm brought 1.29 inches of rainfall to the city for a season's total of 13.44, which was far ahead of our small total this year. Storm drains backed up and generally light traffic of the era was impeded.

A bonanza of employment in the Harbor area was foreseen with the awarding of \$435 million in defense contracts to the area among them one to D & M Machine Works of Torrance for special lathes. Employment of

48,000 in the shipbuilding program was expected as the nation prepared for entrance into World War II. The D & M company was founded in Torrance in 1930.

Sponsored by Torrance American Legion Post, a campaign was under way to raise \$540 for the purchase of an iron lung for general public use. The portable unit was to have three attachments to fit infants, young people and adults. 'Save a Life' seals were to be used in the campaign, according to the 1941 commander Edwin Bird.

The late Wallace Post, of Torrance National Bank (now the California Bank), was concerned with lack of interest in the Boy Scout movement in the city and announcing a luncheon meeting at Christy's cafe to make plans for revitalizing the local program. Twelve civic leaders were invited to the meeting.

More than 50 men and women members of the County Planning Congress were to meet at the Torrance Woman's Clubhouse with Mayor Thomas McGuire acting as host. Topic of the program was 'The Relation of Industry to Planning.'

The Woman's club quarters also were the setting that week in 1941 for a luncheon prepared under the direction of Mrs. O.A. Kresse and her committee. A Spanish motif in decorations was used as a setting for a program of Spanish songs and dances. The ladies reported one of the most successful luncheons of its kind ever held.

The bonded indebtedness of the City of Torrance as of June 30, 1939 was \$396,000 or about \$39 per capita.

Mailbox

Pet Deductions

Editor, Torrance Herald. Why can't my dog and cat be counted as dependents and used as income tax deductions? The CPA preparing my return answered me with this question, "What relation are they?"

I can think of a lot of flip answers to this flip question, but I'll pass and just say my dog is my best friend and worries when I am late getting home. I think he is human, although I doubt if the Department of Internal Revenue would be interested.

It cost an estimated \$140 to feed my dog and cat last year. Medical bills totaled \$45, shots \$8.50, board during vacation time \$17.50 and license fee \$3.

Deductions on this total of \$214 would have helped to finance a vacation next summer.

PETS' FRIEND

Law in Action

Full Faith and Credit

Each of our fifty states governs its people by its "local laws." But people cross state borders every day to do business or find new homes.

People make contracts outside their own state; others seek divorces; and some leave to get married. Sometimes a non-resident claims the right to inherit property under a state's laws.

It might surprise you, but California, like other states, has two systems of laws: "Local law" for the home people, and "conflict of laws" to solve some legal problems of people who live or come from other states.

In California, for instance, the property a man and wife get (which is not a gift or inheritance) becomes a community property. But in Massachusetts, what a husband gets is his separate property.

In some law suit a California court may need to find out how much property the Massachusetts husband has. When it does, the California court uses Massachusetts law to decide the point. This choice of law results when you use the rules found in the study of conflict of laws.

Take a practical case: Suppose two Californians crash their cars in Nevada, but sue each other in California. Which do you use: California or Nevada law? The California court will decide who is negligent under Nevada law.

Now suppose a California court decides for one party who is then sued again for the same thing in a second state. Well, to make all states treat each other alike, our United States Constitution has the "full faith and credit clause": So the first judgment will bind the parties

Procedure for Choosing College Sites Detailed

By CHARLES E. CHAPEL

Assemblyman, 46th District
The following are the usual steps in the procedure for the selection of a new site for a four-year state college and they will be followed more or less in choosing the site for the South Bay State College.

(1) Population studies are made and the need for the proposed new college is examined. This phase of the procedure in theory has been completed. The need for the college has been established beyond doubt. The population studies have been completed according to one set of experts but this is a continuing process.

(2) The Legislature must authorize the new college. This was done by the enactment of Senate Bill No. 15, now part of the Education Code, Chapter 65, Statutes of 1960, which I carried in the Assembly.

(3) Historically, the third step has been for the Legislature to make an appropriation for the purchase of the site but this will not be done until the budget session of 1962.

(4) The staff of the Department of Education has developed what they call "criteria" for the selection of a site. In plain English, this means the general plan or philosophy regarding the location, size, etc. Although this has been completed by one set of experts, another group will go over it because state colleges come under the new State College Board of Trustees, which will start functioning July 1.

(5) The above-mentioned studies are transmitted to the State Public Works Board. This step has been taken informally already.

(6) The State Public Works Board requests the Property Acquisition Division of the Department of Finance to find and review sites that meet the "criteria" mentioned in Step No. 4, above. In the past, this step was not reached until the Legislature appropriated the money for site acquisition, but in the case of the South Bay State College, Mr. H. C. Vincent, Jr., Chief, Acquisition Division, Department of Finance, State Capitol, Sacramento 14, is receiving and studying specific recommendations for a site. Write to him and send me a carbon copy of your letter please. He is overworked and underpaid, but he is doing the best he can to help us.

(7) The Property Acquisition Division, working with the Division of Agriculture, reviews all sites submitted by interested parties, locates others, and then by application of the above-mentioned "criteria" narrows down the number of sites to those that meet the requirements.

(8) The Public Works Board reviews these sites and holds public hearings and reduces the number of sites after an inspection of the various proposed sites.

(9) The Public Works Board then asks for more complete information on the remaining sites from the Property Acquisition Division

(H. C. Vincent Jr. and staff) and the Division of Architecture.

(10) The Public Works Board makes its final selection and orders formal appraisals, title reports and engineering and site surveys.

(11) After reviewing the above reports, the Public Works Board reaffirms its selection and formally authorizes the acquisition of the site.

There is an item of \$134,000 in the 1961-62 budget recommended by Governor Edmund G. Brown for the hiring of a staff of 12 people to plan the South Bay State College curriculum. This will include a college president, a business manager, and department heads, all of whom must be selected by the new State College Board of Trustees, which starts business July 1.

The staff of 12 people will study the site selection problem along with the decision regarding the nature of the college, that is, whether it is to specialize in teacher training, vocational training, or science, or be a normal liberal arts college without specialization.

All persons, corporations, city councils, chambers of commerce, etc., should immediately send Mr. Vincent specific recommendations with maps and complete information. If communities start fighting one another on the basis of civic pride, site selection could be delayed as long as three years. If they work together and remember that the college is for the students and not merely for community pride, we could get a site in a year or less.

SHORT TAKES

Editor Don Brown, The Waseca, Minnesota, Journal—A corporation cannot deduct as a business expense money spent to promote or fight a piece of legislation. A cooperative, on the other hand, can and does fight and promote legislation. But the cooperative is not concerned whether or not it is a business expense for a cooperative it pays no income tax. We do not particularly urge the taxing of a cooperative, but it would seem that they, like a corporation, should be penalized in some manner for pushing or fighting legislation. That is particularly true if we are to penalize the corporation. Fact is neither of them should be penalized.

Editor Howard M. Curless, The Blanchester, Ohio, Star-Republican—The printing industry, electric power development and the express industry are examples of highly-taxed private enterprises which respectively must compete with cut-rate, tax-exempt government printing plants, power plants and parcel post delivery service. The government couldn't cut rates on any of its commercial activities if it didn't have private enterprise to tax for its revenue. By the same token if government socialized all business, its charges for goods and services would have to be greatly increased to recoup the tax revenue it lost, in order to carry on the legitimate functions of governing.

Editor W. L. Willis, Jr. The Richmond, Va., Henrico Herald—At our house a budget is something used to try to keep outgo within the bounds of income. We are told this is not the way to set up a government budget, but rather, decide the amount necessary to run each department, plus the added amount needed to cover items and services desired by the public. The question which we are concerned with is who and what part of the public desires the extra services.

Editor Edward Hofer, The Lennox, S. D., Independent—In 1961, we will realize that we are locked in a death struggle with Communism, or will we continue to tell ourselves that all is well? We do believe that observance of the Civil War Centennial will serve to spark our national pride and awaken many to the fact that our freedoms did not come free of charge and will not be maintained free of charge.

Editor Dean C. Trippler, The Conova, S. D., Herald—The people of Sioux Falls are always involved in a controversial matter of one kind or another. Just now they are embroiled in the seemingly ridiculous question of whether they should change the name of their Main avenue to a name that is not so "small-townish." Why don't they forget it? They're not so metropolitan but what "Main" avenue will fit them for a long time to come.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words.

STAR GAZER horoscope section by CLAY R. POLLAN, including zodiac signs and daily activity guide.

Boy Scout Troop... CERTIFIED UNDER... STATE OF CALIFORNIA... W. E. KALT...